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APPLICANT: Belloni et al
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that a citation and examination of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made during the course of the examination of the above-identified application.

R E M A R K S

Peter Prodell (one of the joint inventors of the present application) is the sole applicant in a copending application, U.S. Serial No. 09/803,480, which is pending in Group Art Unit 2875. This copending application is being brought to the attention of the Examiner of the present application to comply with 37 CFR 1.56.

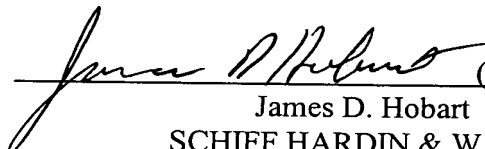
In the above-mentioned copending application, six references were either cited in the application or cited in a German Office Action. These six references are U.S. Patent Nos. 5,396,350; 5,555,109 and 5,863,114; European Nos. 0 638764 and 0 978 683; and German 199 03 331. Copies of these six references are attached herewith for the Examiner's review.

The undersigned attorney does not have translations of the three foreign-language references and note that German 199 03 331 was published after the priority date of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are clearly patentable over the teachings of the attached six reference and are allowable.

Since no Office Action on the merits of the application has been received, it is submitted that no government fee is necessary for the Patent Office to consider these references.

Respectfully submitted,

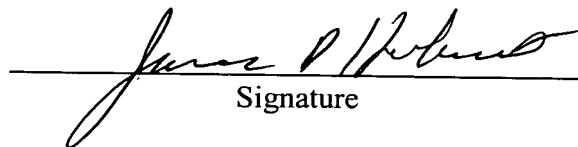
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